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ALEXANDRIA, VA.--THE GOVERNMENT CHARGED THAT JOSEPH S. PETERSEN, JR. FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYE INDICTED ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES, ILLEGALLY COPIED SECRET DOCUMENTS WHICH SHOWED THAT THE U. S. HAD BROKEN A DUTCH GOVERNMENT CODE.

PETERSEN WAS DISMISSED FROM HIS \$7,700-A-YEAR JOB AS A RESEARCH ANALYST WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY ON OCT. 1. HE WAS LATER INDICTED ON THREE COUNTS DEALING WITH IMPROPER REMOVAL OF SUPER-SECRET AGENCY DOCUMENTS. HE WAS CHARGED WITH USING THE INFORMATION "IN A MANNER PREJUDICIAL TO THE SAFETY AND INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES."

THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY IS A BRANCH OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT THAT MONITORS FOREIGN RADIO TRANSMISSIONS AND TRIES TO BREAK THE SECRET CODES AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS OF OTHER NATIONS.

DETAILS OF THE CHARGES AGAINST PETERSEN HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE PUBLIC BY THE GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH PETERSEN'S OWN LAWYER HAD DISCLOSED THAT HE WAS ACCUSED OF IMPROPERLY GIVING INFORMATION TO THE NETHERLANDS THROUGH A DUTCH ARMY OFFICER STATIONED HERE WHO HAD LONG BEEN A PERSONAL FRIEND.

THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIVING INFORMATION THROUGH PETERSEN BUT SAID IT THOUGHT HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO DISCLOSE IT. U. S. OFFICIALS HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF ACCUSING THE DUTCH OF ANY IMPROPER ACTIONS.

DETAILS OF PETERSEN'S ALLEGED OFFENSES WERE FILED IN ALEXANDRIA FEDERAL COURT TODAY ON REQUEST OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY DAVID B. KINNEY. THE DEFENSE DEMAND FOR "A BILL OF PARTICULARS" WAS DESIGNED TO DISCOVER WHETHER THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS EXPIRED ON ONE OR ALL OF THE THREE COUNTS.

THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON THE OFFENSE OF OBTAINING CLASSIFIED WRITTEN MATERIAL, CHARGED IN THE FIRST COUNT, HAS BEEN INCREASED TWICE SINCE THE WAR AND NOW STANDS AT 10 YEARS.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA. (AP)-THE GOVERNMENT SAID TODAY THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO 1952 OPERATIONS IN NORTH KOREA FIGURED IN THE SECRET MATERIAL WHICH ONE-TIME GOVERNMENT CODE EXPERT JOSEPH S. PETERSEN JR. IS CHARGED WITH MISUSING.

PETERSEN, 40, OF ARLINGTON, VA., DISMISSED RESEARCH ANALYST FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, WAS INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY HERE ON OCT. 20 ON CHARGES THAT HE OBTAINED DEFENSE SECRETS WITH "INTENT OR REASON TO BELIEVE" THAT THEY WOULD BE USED TO THE INJURY OF THIS COUNTRY AND TO AID ANOTHER.

BOTH THE U.S. AND NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENTS HAVE STATED THAT PETERSEN SUPPLIED CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON. THE DUTCH SAID THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, AND THAT THEY BELIEVED IT HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED IN CONTINUATION OF A WORLD WAR II ARRANGEMENT.

PETERSEN, NOW FREE ON \$10,000 BOND, PLEADED INNOCENT TO THE CHARGES. HIS ATTORNEYS, MEANWHILE, DEMANDED A BILL OF PARTICULARS FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS SUPPLIED TODAY.

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ADD 1 PETERSEN, ALEXANDRIA

THE BILL OF PARTICULARS SIGNED BY JOHN F. REILLY, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SPECIFIED THAT PETERSEN COPIED A PAPER ON DUTCH CODE BREAKING BY THE UNITED STATES "DURING MARCH OR APRIL, 1948."

THE GOVERNMENT SAID THE COPIED DOCUMENTS WERE PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILES OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY AND ITS PREDECESSORS, THE ARMED SECURITY AGENCY AND THE ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY.

THE BILL OF PARTICULARS ALSO CHARGED, THAT SOMETIME DURING 1952 PETERSEN TOOK FROM ARLINGTON HALL, WHERE THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY IS LOCATED, A CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT DATED FEB. 20, 1951, DEALING WITH A "ROUTING OF NORTH KOREAN POLITICAL SECURITY TRAFFIC AS INDICATED BY GROUP A2." THIS AND THE REMOVAL OF THE DUTCH PAPER FELL UNDER COUNT

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THE SECOND COUNT OF THE INDICTMENT CHARGED PETERSEN WITH "KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY" USING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN A MANNER CONTRARY TO U. S. INTERESTS.

IN THE THIRD COUNT HE WAS CHARGED WITH CONCEALING AND REMOVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BUT NO INTENT TO HARM THE UNITED STATES WAS CHARGED. THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS RECENTLY BEEN RAISED FROM THREE TO FIVE YEARS ON THESE TWO COUNTS.

ON COUNT TWO, TODAY'S BILL OF PARTICULARS SPECIFIED THAT DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 15, 1953 TO SEPT. 30, 1954, PETERSEN "KEPT STORED IN APT. FOUR, 4316 NORTH FOURTH STREET, ARLINGTON, 2, VA., (HIS HOME) CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND NOTES TAKEN FROM CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS," WHICH WERE PART OF THE AGENCY'S SECRET FILES.

ONE OF THESE DOCUMENTS, DATED JULY 1, 1945, WAS ENTITLED "CHINESE TELEGRAPHIC CODE SP-D, SECOND ADDITION WITH ADDENDA AND ERRATA," THE BILL SAID.

ANOTHER WAS A CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT DATED 1939 ENTITLED "ANALYSIS OF THE HAGELIN CRYPTOGRAPH, TYPE B-211 SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY."

ON COUNT THREE, DEALING WITH THE REMOVAL OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, THE BILL ASSERTED THAT THE OFFENSE ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED SOMETIME DURING 1952 AND RELATED TO THE DOCUMENT ON NORTH KOREAN POLITICAL SECURITY TRAFFIC.

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THE BILL OF PARTICULARS CHARGED THAT PETERSEN, NOW FREE ON \$10,000 BOND PENDING TRIAL JAN. 4, IMPROPERLY REMOVED SECRET GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS DEALING WITH RED CHINA'S CODE AND WITH THE "ROUTING OF NORTH KOREAN POLITICAL SECURITY TRAFFIC."

THE NATURE OF THESE DOCUMENTS WAS NOT EXPLAINED.

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